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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 52-60, 62-77 and 79-87 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 52-60, 62-77 and 83-85 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 79, 81, 86 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 80, 82 and 87 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in response to the amendment filed July 12, 2005 in which claims 59, 60, 66, 67, 70, 76, 77, 82 and 83 were amended and claims 86 and 87 were added.

The 112 and 103 rejections of the claims are withdrawn in view of the amendments to the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 79, 81 and 86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirk (US 5,023,095).

Kirk teaches a color-stabilized food coloring composition comprising about 0.5 wt % to about 5.0 wt% beta-carotene, about 0.5 wt % to about 5.0 wt % of at least one edible oil and about 0.05 wt % to about 1.5 wt% of dl-alpha-tocopherol (see abstract; col. 2, lines 14-24). The edible oils include peanut, cottonseed and palm (see col. 3, lines 22-30). The thermal stabilizers include BHA and BHT (see col. 3, lines 31-37). Kirk teaches that the preferred antioxidant (stabilizers) is dl-alpha-tocopherol and that it is derived from plant sources such as whole grains by extraction (see col. 3, lines 38-

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46). Kirk teaches that the vegetable oil also functions as a diluent (see col. 6, lines 35-37).

Kirk differs from the claims in that she does not specifically teach that the plant oil extract is derived from barley. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to select barley extract as the plant oil extract because Kirk teaches that dl-alpha-tocopherol is extracted from whole grains. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, this teaching suggests barley.

3. Claims 80, 82 and 87 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art fails to teach or suggest the addition of meadowfoam oil or a solvent.

4. Claims 52-60, 62-77 and 83-85 are allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest the claimed fossil fuel and meadowfoam oil as a component.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cephia D. Toomer whose telephone number is 571-272-1126. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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